

Quota International Inc., District 18  
62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference Minutes

Minutes of the 62<sup>nd</sup> annual Quota International Inc. District 18 conference held at the Holiday Inn, Peterborough, Ontario from May 2<sup>nd</sup> to May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

Opening Ceremonies

Meeting called to order at 8:10 PM on Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008 by Governor Anne Ollikainen – prior to this time, registration and set up of club sales and history/service displays were done beginning at 3:00 pm. As well many of our members became re-acquainted with many fellow Quotarians that they may not have seen since the last conference and/or convention and/or area meeting.

Governor Anne welcomed all Quotarians and visiting dignitaries and gave a brief history of Quota and its activities – Anne's theme for conference is “Sparkle with Quota” - the international theme is “Create A Chorus of Caring”. The Presentation of Colours took place led by the current club presidents and past district officers.

Following this the national anthems were sung by all – O'Canada and Star Spangled Banner.

The invocation was conducted by Gail Pomeroy of the host club (Peterborough) followed by a welcome from the Host Club (Peterborough).

This was followed by the introduction of local Dignitaries – Doug Peacock from the City of Peterborough and Patrick Martin representing the local MPP.

We were also welcomed as a group by the Holiday Inn management.

Responses and appreciations were given by our Lt. Governor, Mary Delaney/

As well, it was announced that our International Representative was Suzanne Prosser – our Canada Area Director –

At this time Anne Ollikainen welcomed our “first timers” (these are Quotarians who for the first time have attended either a conference/convention or area meeting)

Our International Representative, Suzanne Prosser, was welcomed by Judy Chalmers who is a past district governor. Suzanne brought greetings from international and at this time, the district Secretary Treasurer, Joan Jackman, read greetings received from Daryl Perrine, President, Quota International, Toddy Silkman, President elect, Quota International, Kathleen Trieber, Executive Director, Quota International and international candidates, Rosemary Hannie and Mary Pribich.

A report from the Chair of the Nominating Committee (Barb Brown) advised that Mary Delaney would stand for her second term of Lt. Governor and Anne Ollikainen would stand for her second term for Governor. Since no other nominations were forthcoming, nominations were closed and Mary Delaney declared Lt. Governor for her second term and Anne Ollikainen declared Governor for her second term.

Therefore you slate of 2008-2009 Executive Officers are:

Anne Ollikainen (Barrie Club) – Governor  
Mary Delaney (Ottawa Club) – Lt. Governor  
Joan Jackman (Barrie Club) – Secretary- Treasurer

Both Mary & Anne gave short acceptance speeches – they each thanked the members for electing them and promised to administer the office to the best of their abilities.

Anne's slogan is "SPARKLE IN QUOTA" – Mary's slogan is "LET'S SPRING FORWARD TOGETHER"

Awards were presented:

History Award – Owen Sound with honourable mention to Mariposa  
presented by Anne Ollikainen  
Attendance Award – Owen Sound (88.73%) with honourable mention to  
Grey Bruce and Hamilton presented by Helen MacDonald  
Membership Award – Grey Bruce (6 new members) with honourable  
mention to Owen Sound (3 new members)  
presented by Liz Revell, Past Canada Area Director

At this point Judy Chalmers of the Peterborough Club led all members in the district Song,  
We Can Make A Difference.

An evening of great entertainment followed – a group called "Take 5"- introduced by  
Gail Pomeroy – amazing Barber Shop Quartet music

Entertainment was thanked by Anne Ollikainen. King cake and coffee in the room was followed by attendance if  
desired at the hospitality suite provided by the the host club.

Business Session

Conference resumed Saturday morning, May 3, 2008 at 8:45 am by Governor Anne Ollikainen. Laurie Neill of the  
Orillia club read the quota collect and objectives – the head table was introduced by Anne Ollikainen – the roll call of  
delegates was read by the Secretary – Treasurer Joan Jackman – Presentation of the program and conference rules was  
read by Marie Dobson-Dunlop, Huronia Club.

The report from the Conference Registrar (Gladys Rice) Number of International Offices – 1, - District Officers 3, ,  
Club Delegates 20, Past International Presidents – 3, Members 43 for a total of 70

The report from the Credentials Committee (Donna Spicer and Velma Smart) for May 3, 2008 – District Officers 3,  
Past International Presidents 3, Club Delegates 20, total voting strength 26.

Governor Anne Ollikainen presented her report

Lt. Governor Mary Delaney presented her report

Secretary Treasurer Joan Jackman presented a motion to accept the conference minutes from 2007 as written. It was  
brought to the floor that there were four spelling errors within the minutes – it was moved that the minutes be accepted  
as corrected – moved by Carol Pretty of Collingwood and seconded by Helen McDonald of Mariposa

Secretary Treasurer Joan Jackman presented a motion to accept the treasurer's report – it was moved by Mary Delaney  
that the treasurer's report be accepted and seconded by Linda Kranich.

Auditors Maizie Nichols and Judy Chalmers provided a written statement that the books for District #18 are in good  
and proper order.

The budget was deferred to Sunday business session.

Suzanne Prosser presented the Helene Mackenzie trust fund report and the Treasurer's Report was presented by Fay Burnie.

Historian report was not presented at this time

Two Ad Hoc committees that were appointed at last year conference did not have a report to present as there as a misunderstanding with the directives given. An Ad-hoc committee was formed to edit the Standing Rules and to define the duties and responsibilities of each committee. The committee members are Linda Kranich, Laurie Neil, Suzanne Prosser and Betty Lou Howlett

By-Laws Committee chaired by Linda Hodgson presented two By-Law changes for consideration.

Both were defeated.

Both are attached as addendum 1 to these minutes.

The next part of our program was presented by our international representative – Suzanne Prosser. Suzanne gave an excellent presentation regarding a very delicate subject – increase in dues – she advised the reasons why it is inevitable. She also advised that our main focus as clubs should be to not only gain new members but retain the members we have.-more on that subject in the afternoon presentation – on a lighter note Suzanne gave an excellent presentation on the upcoming convention in San Jose – all members would greatly benefit from attending and Suzanne looked forward to seeing as many from District 18 in attendance as possible

Coffee break as enjoyed by all – it is great camaraderie when quotarians socialize over coffee and cookies.

Prior to our lunch break, offshore presentations were carried out by Orillia, Hamilton, Mariposa, Owen Sound and Barrie.

The Lt. Governor's lunch commenced with the theme "Both Their Eyes and Ears". Mary Delaney presiding, she asked Ilse Mitchell from Ottawa to do the invocation. Our speaker was introduced by Dolores Brosky of Owen Sound – our speakers were Meghan Peter and Jacki Green, both qualified interveners and graduates of the School for the Deaf and George Brown College. Both girls outlined their job responsibilities, the accomplishments, their challenges etc. Both were excellent speakers and obviously enjoyed their jobs tremendously and are making a real difference in the lives of deaf and blind people. Mary Delaney thanked each speaker for their time and information and presented each with a small token gift of our appreciation.

#### Business Session

The afternoon business session commenced with a further presentation from our international representative, Suzanne Prosser. She advised that our Centennial project is to create 100 new clubs and the incentives from head office are great in order to encourage us to do this. If your club charters a new club the club will be the recipient of \$1,500.00 in cash payment – please go on the web site if you require further information.

Although all clubs endeavoured to complete the challenge that was made at our Canada Area meeting in September to assist women and children in crisis, two clubs were particularly mentioned – the Ottawa club donated to a women and children centre. The Lanark County Interval House (they provided Xmas packages to 12 moms and 14 children and financed an art therapy program for children ) and the Barrie club made a \$1,000 donation to the Women and Children's Crisis Centre in Barrie.

Linda Kranich, Leah Thomson and Evelyn Bazos indicated they would be endeavouring to develop new clubs and/or branches and would assist anyone with their knowledge and strategies.

More off shore presentations were done by Peterborough, Ottawa, Grey-Bruce, Collingwood and Huronia.

To finish the afternoon, Suzanne Prosser, our Canada Area Director, did a presentation on Rev. Bob Rumball – his history, his involvement with the football/athletic community, his family ties and values, his vision of a home for the deaf which has now been accomplished.

The early bird draw was made and won by Helen Macdonald.

The business session ended at 3:30 pm.

A meeting for Helen MacKenzie Trust Fund was held presided over by Suzanne Prosser

A President Council meeting was held and presided over by Gov. Anne Ollikainen

#### Installation Banquet

The Dinner was called for 7:00 pm but between 3:30 and 7:00 club photographs were taken and the co-ordination of the procession of current and past leaders was accomplished – at 7:00 – the banquet commenced under the able direction of our Governor Anne Ollikainen. Our piper was Colin Campbell – the invocation was conducted by Carol Simpson of the Orillia Club – toasts were given by Dolores Brosky of the Owen Sound club - introductions were done by our Governor Anne Ollikainen.

#### Awards Presented

Community Service Award – presented to the Hamilton club with honourable mention to Collingwood

Disadvantaged Women & Children Award to the Orillia Club with honourable mention to Owen Sound

Shatter Silence Award (Velma Moffatt) award to the Collingwood club with honourable mention to Orillia

District Volunteer of the Year – went to Jane Eyre of the Orillia Club

The installation of the officers for the forthcoming year was done by our Canada Area Director Suzanne Prosser – Maizie Nichols of Peterborough introduced the evening entertainment – Fourmost Harmony – and they were thanked by our governor Anne Ollikainen.

A reception was held in the hospitality suite by the Barrie club in honour of governor Anne.

#### Business Session

Prior to the Business Session commencing, a Breakfast meeting for Development & Growth was presided over by Lt. Gov. Mary Delaney

The business session for Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008 began at 8:30 with governor Anne Ollikainen presiding – final reports were given by the conference registrar and the credentials committee.

A balanced budget was presented by Secretary Treasurer Joan Jackman and passed unanimously - however district must do a fund raising project totalling no less than \$550.00,

We were honoured to have Fielder the hearing dog with us for the business session on Sunday morning. This hearing dog was purchased by the Peterborough Club for a member of that community and she graciously attended the Saturday night dinner as well as our business session on Sunday and gave a short report telling us how much easier life is with the dog.

Draws were made and awards acknowledged

Service Award went to Collingwood with Orillia honourable mention  
Campbell Soup Labels went to Ottawa  
Helene Mackenzie award went to Hamilton  
Conference Attendance award went to Ottawa  
Care Award went to Orillia

Memory time was presented by Helen Macdonald, Past International President

It was decided to allocate the designation of the Campbell Soup Labels for the next three years – a vote was taken and it was decided that the rotation would be as follows:

2008 Drury School  
2009 Sir James Whitney School  
2010 Rumball Day Care

A discussion took place regarding the History award. Judy Juniper was not present but she did send a written report and she wonders if that position of historian has become redundant – a suggestion was made to use the web site for our history submissions but Liz Revell had some concerns regarding submissions – it was decided to table this discussion until next year and that it was probable that we may need a standing rule change for this.

Under the heading of new business – Committees were formed as follows:

Nominating Committee:  
Chair – Marie Giberson from Barrie club  
Members – Leah Tompson from Peterborough Club  
Marie Dobson- Dunlop from Huronia Club

Resolutions & By-Laws Committee  
Chair - Kathy Blacow – Collingwood  
Members - Suzanne Prosser – Orillia  
Betty Lou Howlett – Grey Bruce

Minutes of Conference Committee  
Chair - Carol Simpson – Orillia  
Members – Willie Lee – Ottawa  
Evelyn Bazos – Orillia

A discussion took place on our District Project and it was decided that our District Project for 2008 shall be Bob Rumball Camp for the Deaf. It was moved by Marie Dobson- Dunlop and seconded by Marion Brunk of Grey Bruce that we donate the amount of \$1,000 to the Bob Rumball Camp for the Deaf. MOTION PASSED

The next item was a very entertaining “Invitation to Conference” from our Ottawa Club. Conference for 2009 will be held in Ottawa – May 1 to May 3, 2009 with the theme “Spring Forward Together”.

Our International Representative, Suzanne Prosser, gave her final comments and was thanked for her attendance and valuable information and presentations by Ann Keating-Morrison from the Collingwood club.

Elizabeth Revell, Past Canada Area Director gave the Conference Courtesy Motion

Our Governor, Anne Ollikainen thanked all for coming, thanked the Peterborough Club for a great conference, thanked all the clubs for their input and enthusiasm. She presented various District Officers and Quota club members with a gift as her thank you to them for assisting her with the conference. A special thank you gift was given to Suzanne as a thank you for attending as our representative.

The meeting closed with our Past District Governor, Judy Chalmers leading us in our District Song – We can Make A Difference

The meeting adjourned 11:20 A.M

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Anne Ollikainen  
Governor District # 18  
2007-2008

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Mary Delaney  
Lt. Governor, District 18  
2007-2008

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Joan Jackman  
Secretary Treasurer District # 18  
2007-2008

Dated: June 16, 2008

Addendum 1 attached – by laws

ADDENDUM # 1

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO DISTRICT 118 STANDING RULES

The Standing Rules (By-Laws) Committee of District 18 move that the District Standing Rule # 7A be amended by:

Current standing rules reads:

The following awards shall be made annually at the District Conference on the basis of information to be provided to the Secretary-Treasurer and to cover the same period as the Presidents' reports in April (1 May to 30 April each year)

Proposed addition:

The governor in office at the time of conference will appoint a committee of three (3) Quotarians from different clubs to assist her in judging the awards. Consideration will be given to selecting Quotarians from clubs that have not submitted projects for awards to be judged.

Rational:

There is not clear direction as to who should decide on the awards that do not have a definite outline (example: would be the award for the "Shatter Silence" project). In fairness to all clubs, a committee to include the Governor and three Quotarians from clubs that have not submitted projects would provide an unbiased and fair judgment.

MOTION DEFEATED

The Board of District 18 moves that the District Standing Rule # 1 be amended by replacing the current standing rule.

Currently Standing Rule 1 states: The time and place of the annual District Conference shall be decided by the delegate body of each conference. Any club wishing to be a hostess to a conference shall send an invitation to the secretary-treasurer at least twenty-one days before the opening of the conference two years in advance of that to which the invitation relates.

Proposed Standing Rule 1: A rotational schedule will be established for all clubs in the District to host District Conference commencing 2010. Each club would be responsible for ensuring that the conference is hosted as per the schedule. If a club wishes to host a conference out of rotation a written request would be submitted to the conference body three years prior to their scheduled time with a valid reason for a consideration to change.

In the location where there are two clubs within a geographical area each club would be put into the rotation to host a conference.

In the event that two clubs wish to co-host a conference because of a geographical location consideration will be given to this request prior to the preparation of the rotational schedule.

Rationale: Over the past several years clubs have hosted a conference out of turn because the club wish to have the conference when a member was installed as governor. This creates an imbalance in the equitable distribution of conference sites and clubs hosting a conference earlier than their scheduled time.

The Board realizes there are smaller clubs or two clubs within a geographic location making co-hosting a conference more feasible.

However, to provide equality in the District each club must remain within the schedule regardless as to whether they are co-hosting.

Example:

1. Peterborough
2. Ottawa
3. Owen Sound – Grey Bruce
4. Hamilton
5. Mariposa-Orillia
6. Barrie.
7. Huronia
8. Grey Bruce-Owen Sound
9. Collingwood
10. Orillia – Mariposa

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